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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: BEXP, GH
SUBJECT: WTDR/FTI BLACK STAR LINE LTD.

REF: USDOC 03810 (NOTAL)

1. GHANA 2. CNTRY CODE: 749; 3. SER. NO.: 0026500
 4. BLACK STAR LINE LTD.
(ALSO CALLED STATE SHIPPING CORP)
 - 4B. CODE A
 5. P.O. BOX 2760; 4TH LANE, KUKU HILL, OSU
 6. ACCRA, GHANA
 7. EST. 1957 8. EMPL: 1,200 9. SIZE: (19-X) LARGE
 10. REPUTATION: (22-X) GOOD
 - 11B. HEADQUARTERS NEAR DOWNTOWN ACCRA; BRANCHES IN TEMA
AND TAKORADI, GHANA'S PRINCIPAL PORTS; OFFICES IN LONDON,
HAMBURG AND NEW YORK. OCEAN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRANS-
PORTATION BETWEEN GHANA, WEST AFRICA, EUROPE, CANADA AND
THE U.S.(GULF ATLANTIC AND GREAT LAKES PORTS).
 12. RPT DATE: 04/77
 - 13A. 9100/9 GOVT.-OWNED CORP.
 - 13B. 44110/9 DEEP SEA FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION
 14. CONTACT: HEPTAIN J.H. TACHIE-MENSON TITLE: MANAGING DIRECTOR
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15. CABLE: BLACKSTAR 16. TELEX: 2019; 17. TEL: 76161
18. FINANCIAL REF: GHANA COMMERCIAL BANK, HIGH ST. BRANCH,
P.O. BOX 2971, ACCRA.
19. TRADE REF: AMERICAN-ISRAELI SHIPPING CO. LTD., 1 WORLD
TRADE KNTER, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10048. U.S. REP: F.W. HARTMAN
& CO., INC., 17 BATTERY PL., NEW YORK, N.Y. 10004.
20. AGENCY REP. OF ZIM ISRAEL NAVIGATION CO. LTD.,

P.O. BOX 1723, HAIFA, ISRAEL, ACQ;71961; OF GOLD STAR LINE AND WOERMAN LINE, ACQ. OVER FIVE YEARS AGO; AND ALSO MORE RECENTLY OF NATIONAL SHIPPING LINES OF BELGIUM (CMB), IVORY COAST (SITRAM), NIGERIA (NNSL) AND ZAIRE (CMZ).

21. BLACK STAR LINZK(BSL) IUUTHE NATIONAL SHIPPING COMPANY OF GHANA. ESTABLISHED IN 1957 AS 60-40 PERCENT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVT. OF GHANA AND ZIM ISRAEL NAVIGATION CO., THE ISRAELI INTEREST WAS BOUGHT OUT IN 1960, BUT ZIM WAS RETAINED AS MANAGEMENT AGENT UNTIL 1967. BSL HAS 16 VESSELS WITH 0 TOTAL GROSS TONNAGE OF NEARLY 118,000, AND 1,200 EMPLOYEES. IT IS AFFILIATED WITH A NUMBER OF LINER CONFERENCES, INCLUDING AMERICAN-WEST AFRICA, UNITED KINGDOM WEST AFRICA LINES, MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE-WEST AFRICA, AND CONTINENT-WEST AFRICA CONFERENCES. BSL PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE IN MARITIME TRADE OF WEST AFRICA WITH EUROPE, CANADA AND THE U.S. IT IS COMPETENTLY MANAGED AND CONSIDERED FINANCIALLY STRONG AND "RELIABLE" BY LOCAL BANKING REFERENCE. WE RECOMMEND BLACK STAR LINE AS SUITABLE TRADE CONTACT FOR U.S. FIRMS.

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